

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim.

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1(Twice Amended). An assay method for the determination of transcobalamin II cobalamin (holo-TcII) in a body sample, comprising contacting a cell free sample of a body fluid with an immobilized cobalamin or an analogue or fragment thereof which ^{apo-forms} ^{removing apo and haptocorrin from sample} selectively binds the apo-forms of Tc II and haptocorrin, and subsequently contacting said sample with an immobilised or immobilizable specific binding ligand for Tc II or holo-Tc II, separating a ligand bound fraction ^{which only apo or holo} from a non-ligand bound fraction and measuring the (Tc II or cobalamin) content of said ligand bound fraction.

- only binding holo-Tc

*Not related
back to
premble.*

*New
matter*

*112, 1st
and 112, 2nd
new matter.*